



# District 9 E-News



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## Collier Heights on National Register as Historic District



This Collier Heights area home which belongs to musician William "Bill" Odum and Mary "Libby" Odum, both retired educators is an example of the architecture prevalent in the Collier Heights Historic District, (Photo By Bill Odum)

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The Collier Heights Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 23 because of its preeminence nationally as a mid-20th-century African-American residential suburban development.

This historic district in Atlanta is bounded by I-20 to the south, I-285 to the west, Hamilton E. Holmes Drive on the east, and Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway to the north.

The Collier Heights Community Association sponsored the nomination and graduate students in the Heritage Preservation Program at Georgia State University prepared the nomination materials.

Nationally, Collier Heights is unique in terms of its size, diversity of residents, and the principal role played by African Americans in its development. Its distinctive nature is attributed to a unique combination of local factors, including African-American population growth, political and civic leadership, financial institutions, available land, and land-development expertise. Collier Heights housed a broad spectrum of Atlanta's mid-century middle- and upper-class African-American population, including millionaire contractor Herman J. Russell of H.J. Russell & Company, who raised his family in the neighborhood.

In the area of architecture, the district is significant for its exceptionally intact collection of mid-20th-century houses. Many of these houses were built from plans provided by the Atlanta Home Builders Plan Service and W. D. Farmer; others were custom-designed by several of Atlanta's earliest professional African-American architects including Joseph Robinson. Collier Heights contains nearly 2,000 houses in 55 small, interrelated subdivisions developed primarily between 1941 and 1979. The earliest houses are along Hamilton Holmes Drive. Mid-century suburban development occurred from Holmes Drive westward and from I-285 eastward.

Virtually every size and type of ranch house is represented, from small and compact to large and rambling, and from the simple linear to courtyard and other complex forms. Architectural styles include Colonial Revival and Contemporary, with a few examples of Modern. Some of the houses are wood-framed with brick veneer. Many have a combination of brick, stone, and wood exteriors. Others are brick on all four sides. Many of the houses feature large chimneys; most have integral carports or garages. Landscaping is informal with open lawns, large pine and hardwood trees, and ornamental shrubbery; plantings around foundations and front terraced entries or rear patios are common.

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources serves as Georgia's state historic preservation office. For more information, call 404-656-2840 or visit their Web site at [www.gashpo.org](http://www.gashpo.org).

# Free Admission to the Zoo!



## CITY OF ATLANTA AND FULTON COUNTY FAMILY DAYS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

Zoo Atlanta invites residents of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County and City of Atlanta and Fulton County government employees to enjoy the Zoo **FREE!** Present your ID to enjoy free admission for up to one adult and three children.

### ID CHECKLIST

- ☐ GA Driver License
- ☐ GA Voter ID Card/ID Card
- ☐ City of Atlanta issued Employee ID
- ☐ Fulton County issued Employee ID
- ☐ Utility Bill (Fulton Only - Light)

Arrive early and travel on MARTA to beat crowds and traffic! Zoo hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Valid forms of identification include a Georgia driver's license, Georgia Voter ID or state ID, City of Atlanta or Fulton County-issued employee ID or utility bill.

Offer valid only on August 8 and 9, 2009. Offer may not be combined with any other discount, offer or promotion. Guests must be present to obtain tickets.

Offer valid for admission price only; does not include concessions, rides or purchases.



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# A Tribute to an Atlanta Legend



The Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commissioner **Dianne Harnell Cohen** joined City Councilmember **Felicia Moore** for the grand opening of a water sprayground at Center Hill Park honoring the life and legacy of the late Civil Rights Attorney **Donald Lee Hollowell**.



Located at 2305 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, NW, the memorial features quotes etched in stone by those who knew him and worked with him. Each quote captures the quiet power and influence of his presence.



(Front Row, from left to right) **Martin Lehfelddt**, co-author of the book “The Sacred Call,” a biography of the life of Mr. Donald Lee Hollowell; **Mrs. Louise T. Hollowell**, widow of the late Donald Lee Hollowell; Atlanta artist and memorial tribute designer **Marla Artemis**. (Back Row, from left to right) Atlanta City Councilmember **Cesar C. Mitchell**, former Atlanta Mayor **Sam Massell**, Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commissioner **Dianne Harnell-Cohen**, Atlanta City Councilmembers **Ivory Lee Young, Jr.** and **Felicia A. Moore**.

In 1952, Mr. Hollowell set up a law practice in Atlanta, where he began to play a major role in the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement.

Among his many accomplishments was the successful integration of the University of Georgia in 1961. A year earlier, he and co-counsel Horace Ward won a victory in the Georgia Court of Appeals which secured the release of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from a Georgia prison. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Hollowell as regional director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), a government agency that monitors workplace discrimination

which made him the first black regional director of a major federal agency.

In 2002, the University of Georgia awarded Mr. Hollowell its honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The Georgia State Department of Transportation honored Mr. Hollowell by renaming Bankhead Highway (U.S. 78) in his honor; and Emory University named a professorship in his honor as well. Mr. Hollowell died in December of 2004 at the age of 87.

“This beautiful tribute to Mr. Donald Lee Hollowell will serve to educate generations to come about his remarkable contributions to our city and our society as a whole,” said City Councilmember Felicia Moore. “Mr. Hollowell was a selfless man among men who opened doors for so many others.”

## **Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Recognizes Whittier Mill Village Association for Stewardship of Historic Mill**

The Whittier Mill Village Association received an award for Stewardship from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation at its 31st annual Preservation Awards ceremony May 15 in Augusta, Ga., for stewardship of the remaining buildings of the former Whittier Mill.

The Whittier Mill Carpenter Shop Ruins is the remains of the 1920 shop associated with the 1896 mill in northwest Atlanta. The shop suffered damage from a devastating fire in the late 1980's that destroyed all wooden remnants of roofing, flooring and windows. Three walls survived the fire, but all were left in poor condition. The shop is currently surrounded by recreational space and a historic district comprising 110 mill worker's dwellings listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated a City of Atlanta Historic District.

The Whittier Mill Village Association, as stewards of this site, is committed to the rehabilitation and preservation of the remaining historic mill elements. In 2004, an Environmental Initiative grant stimulated efforts to save the carpenter shop.

With additional funding procured through the efforts of the Whittier Mills Village Association, Inc., a structural analysis was completed and the construction of a Cor-Ten Steel skeleton stabilized the structure's remaining historic walls. The installation of a new concrete floor, the restoration of the historic fenestration and landscaping of the adjacent property contributed to the overall rehabilitation of the carpenter shop ruins into an open air pavilion enjoyed by the whole community.

The site is further enhanced by the addition of a historical marker from the Georgia Historical Society serving as an interpretive element reminding visitors of the site's history and the building's stabilization and adaptive reuse.

For more than 30 years, the Trust has recognized preservation projects and individuals in the state who have made significant contributions to the field of historic preservation. Awards are presented on the basis of the contributions of the person or project to the community and/or state and on compliance to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Awards in the Excellence in Stewardship category are presented to long-term owners who are ensuring the preservation of historic properties through care and maintenance, stabilization or protection. This year the Trust presented three Excellence in Stewardship awards.

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation is one of the country's largest statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations. Founded in 1973, the Trust is committed to preserving and enhancing Georgia's communities and their diverse historic resources the education and enjoyment of all.

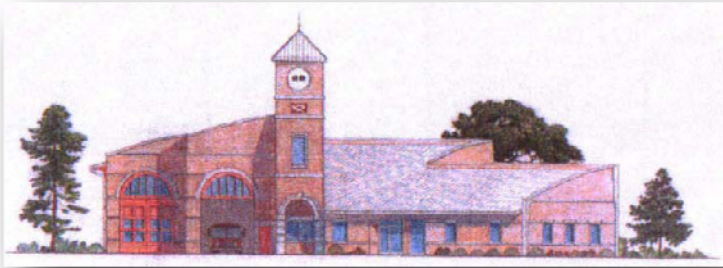
The Trust generates community revitalization by finding buyers for endangered properties acquired by its Revolving Fund; provides design assistance to 98 Georgia Main Street cities and encourages neighborhood revitalization; trains Georgia's teachers in 63 Georgia school systems to engage students in discovering state and national history through their local historic resources; and advocates for funding, tax incentives and other laws aiding preservation efforts.

To learn more about The Georgia Trust and the Preservation Awards, visit [www.georgiatrust.org](http://www.georgiatrust.org) or contact: Traci Clark at 404-885-7802. (All information courtesy of Georgia Trust)



# On the Horizon

## The First Combined Fire Station/Police Mini-Precinct in the City



*Rendering of the New Fire Station 28*

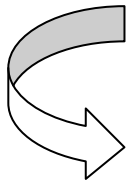
The Atlanta City Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$4.5 million in the **Perry/Bolton Tax Allocation District (TAD)** Funds to construct and equip a new fire station and mini-precinct building in northwest Atlanta.

The new facility will replace the building currently housing **Atlanta Fire Rescue**

**Station No. 28** and will be located at 1929 Hollywood Road in the Riverside Community of NPU-D.

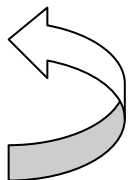
Although the inaugural Perry/Bolton TAD bond issue is currently on hold due to capital and real estate markets constraints, we are pleased to be in a position to fund an essential public purpose project in the TAD. The 11,777 square foot facility is a two-bay fire station designed to accommodate a complement of ten firefighters. The station will also feature a mini-police precinct and a community room with a visitor capacity of 100, including adequate on-site parking. Both the Atlanta Development Authority Board of Directors and the Atlanta City Council have approved TAD funding for Fire Station 28. Construction of the station will begin within the next couple of months with completion targeted for summer 2010.

"Northwest Atlanta is a growing quadrant of our city and this new and improved fire station and mini-precinct will serve our growing needs," said District 9 City Councilmember Felicia A. Moore. "The funding source is ideal and is designed for such redevelopment projects to further foster growth in the area."



## *Department of Public Works Construction Projects*

### *Defoor Avenue Sidewalks & Intersection Improvement Project*



The Defoor Avenue sidewalks & intersection improvement project in Neighborhood Planning Unit D, will improve pedestrian access and safety issues, as well as upgrade the existing streetscape. The project provides sidewalks from Davis Place to Davis Circle and realigns the intersection of Defoors Avenue and Harper Avenue.

#### **Highlights:**

- Installation of monolithic sidewalks and driveway aprons
- Installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps
- Intersection re-configuration and re-design with the installation of a flashing beacon
- Road re-striping
- Landscaping





# Streetscape Enhancements

## Quality of Life (QOL) Bond Funding

- Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway from Hollywood Road to James P. Brawley Drive installation and upgrade of traffic signals; develop system-timing and integration plans for corridor.
- Bolton Road and Marietta Road intersection improvements to be included with Bolton Road Streetscape project.
- Bolton Road and Paul Avenue intersection to provide right turn lane. Improvement included with Bolton Road Streetscape project.
- Bolton Road Streetscape improvements from Coronet Way to Marietta Street. Includes Bolton Road/Hollywood Road Plaza Livable Cities Initiative (LCI) on Bolton Road, Hollywood Road, and Main Street.
- Marietta Boulevard Streetscape improvements from Huff Road to Bolton Road.
- Defoors Avenue sidewalk with partial median from Davis Street to Davis Circle on west side of the street.

## Completed Street Resurfacing Projects with Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) Funding

- Commercial Avenue from Baker Road to Oldknow Drive
- Forrest Avenue from Forrest Place to Dead End
- Thomas Road from Paul Avenue to Bernard Road
- Rosemary Drive from Main Street to Dead End
- Defoors Hills Road from Collier Road to Cul-De-Sac



### IN REM REPORT

Action is taken against a property that is more than 50% dilapidated or 30% if open and vacant. The following addresses are cases that have gone through legal court hearings and are scheduled for demolition.

#### NPU C

2632 Peyton Road

#### NPU D

2081 Hollywood Road  
Buildings G and H

#### NPU G

1424 Bolton Road  
2467 Saint Paul

#### NPU H

4012 Bakers Ferry Road  
4192 Bakers Ferry Road

#### NPU J

906 Hollywood Road  
7 Evelyn Way  
2468 Main Street  
569 South Evelyn Place, NW

### MARTA FEE INCREASES

#### ***FARE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE OCT 1, 2009***

*Note: Price based on X times base fare*

#### Breeze Card Fees

The initial fee for a plastic Breeze Card \$5.00

#### Breeze Ticket Fees

The initial fee for a paper Breeze Ticket \$0.50.

Children's Fare - Children 46 inches and under can ride free.

#### Cash Fare

Paid in cash at bus fare box - no transfer \$2.00

#### Single Trip

Stored on Breeze Card or Breeze Ticket \$2.00

#### Round Trip

Stored on one Breeze Card or Breeze Ticket \$4.00

## Group Marks 5th Anniversary In Remembrance of Mrs. Mattie Moore



Councilmember Moore (no relation), members of Georgia's Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin joined family and friends of the late Mrs. Mattie Moore to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her disappearance. Mrs. Moore wandered from her northwest Atlanta home on April 21, 2004. Eight months after her disappearance, her body was found 500 yards from her home. Her disappearance sparked a statewide movement to institute an alert system to locate missing Alzheimer's and dementia patients. The late Mattie Moore's photo was mounted on an easel as part of the celebration.

"Elderly advocates pushed for something to be done to prevent another such incident and the city of Atlanta responded," said Councilmember Moore. The Atlanta alert system, "Mattie's Call," adopted in 2006, is similar to Levi's Call but is designed to implement an emergency state wide alert to law enforcement jurisdictions and the general public when Alzheimer's patients and other mentally challenged persons wander away from their caregivers.

"In fact, Mattie's Call has garnered a safe return for 70 of the 71 calls issued since the inception of the statewide alert in 2006," said John Bankhead, the spokesman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigations.

The Mattie's Call alert system has been described as being a "Best in Class" initiative recently by a government publication and is being used as a model across the country as cities and states realize the growing and urgent need for such a notification system.



## Project Lifesaver - Atlanta announces ongoing fundraising campaign

In addition to Mattie's Call, Mrs. Moore's disappearance laid the ground work for the establishment of an electronic tracking system called Project Lifesaver that enables the Atlanta Police to quickly locate missing persons who wear a special bracelet.

Project Lifesaver® relies on radio technology and a specially trained search and rescue team with the Atlanta Police Department. Clients that are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify police that the person is missing, search and rescue personnel respond to the wanderer's area and begin searching with the mobile locator tracking system. Search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes, saving lives and man hours.

"This is truly a public safety issue," said Councilmember Moore. "The unfortunate fact is that many residents aren't able to pay for this service and economic conditions will not allow for many local governments to purchase the bracelets. We are asking for donations of any amount to help someone in need of Project Lifesaver. In the end it saves money and manpower, but more importantly, it saves lives."

A contribution of \$300 will provide a new family with the system. A \$100 donation will provide batteries for a year to someone who has a bracelet. A \$50 donation will provide batteries for six months. 100 % of all contributions are tax deductible. Checks or money orders may be sent to:

**Project Lifesaver Atlanta**  
815 Battlefield Boulevard, South  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

## ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY

### Atlanta First to Eliminate Large Public Housing Projects

Atlanta, which during the Great Depression was the first city to build public housing, will become the first major city to have eliminated all of its large public housing projects by June 2010.

A brief ceremony marking the final chapter of the Bowen Homes housing project in northwest Atlanta was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2804 Yates Drive off of Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway. Built in the 1964, Bowen Homes' 650 units sprawled over 101 buildings and 84 acres. The housing project opened at a time when public housing was popular as transitional housing for people seeking to move out of poverty. However, in the intervening decades, government policies changed and reduced public housing to virtual warehouses of concentrated poverty. Families have been relocating from Bowen Homes for months and fewer than a dozen families remain at the large complex.



AHA has managed the relocation of families from the projects with thoughtful consideration with the goal of creating safer neighborhoods, higher performing schools, and better access to jobs and services. After the families have all been relocated, AHA will demolish the projects. When the national economic conditions improve, the Authority will issue a call for proposals to redevelop the sites into healthy mixed-income, mixed-use communities.

Additionally, the AHA Relocation Team has provided families with the tools to make informed choices about better housing opportunities including high-rise communities for seniors and disabled persons, private mixed-income rental communities with a limited percentage of project-based rental assistance, and single family communities for the use of Housing Choice tenant-based vouchers.

AHA will begin demolition activities at Bankhead Courts during the first or second week in July and Hollywood is slated to begin in the latter part of July. (*Article courtesy of AHA*)

Property Name	Number of Families Relocated	Number of Families Remaining	Total Number of Families
Bankhead Courts	313	23	336
Bowen Homes	536	0	536
Hollywood Courts	130	56	186

For more information on the Atlanta Housing Authority, please call (404)892-4700 or to report a concern or offer a compliment, please use our **1-888-AHA-4YOU** 24-hour customer service hotline.



# A New Influenza Virus

## Summary of Situation

Novel influenza A (H1N1) is a new flu virus of swine origin that was first detected in April, 2009. The virus is infecting people and is spreading from person-to-person, sparking a growing outbreak of illness in the United States. An increasing number of cases are being reported internationally as well.

It's thought that novel influenza A flu spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread; mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) tracks U.S. influenza activity through multiple systems across five categories. The fact that novel H1N1 activity can now be monitored through seasonal surveillance systems is an indication that there are higher levels of influenza-like illness in the United States than is normal for this time of year. CDC's response goals are to reduce the spread and severity of illness, and to provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this new public health threat.

Influenza antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) with activity against influenza viruses, including novel influenza H1N1 viruses. The priority use for influenza antiviral drugs during this outbreak is to treat severe influenza illness, including people who are hospitalized or sick people who are considered at high risk of serious influenza-related complications. CDC also has issued instructions on taking care of a sick person at home. For more up-to-date information on the H1N1 virus, visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm).



## ACTIVITIES OF THE ATLANTA FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

- Residents of the City of Atlanta who are interested in learning more about the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department are encouraged to attend our Citizens Fire Academy. The next class will begin in the fall of 2009. For additional information call: (404) 597-3150.
- With the increasing hot temperatures in Atlanta, it is important to remember these safety tips to keep your kids safe:
  - don't leave them in a car, which can quickly heat up, especially on a hot, sunny day
  - always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them
  - warn your kids about playing in the car by themselves without adult supervision
  - install a trunk release mechanism so that they can't get trapped in the trunk
  - get your kids out of the car first, and then worry about getting the groceries, etc., out of the car when you get home
  - verify that child care providers and day care workers have a plan to make sure that kids aren't left in the day care providers car or van
- Atlanta Fire Rescue offers an emergency preparedness course, free of charge, to all City of Atlanta residents. By successfully completing the Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT) class, residents can be better prepared when faced with an emergency. For more information on the ACERT program call: (404) 227-7396.